

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 922  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Harry Smith upon his  
induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as professionals  
and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Harry Smith, who has been chosen for  
induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, a prestigious honor that speaks to Mr. Smith's  
dedication to his business and his community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, the Society of Entrepreneurs was created to foster the  
development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to  
business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs selected only five new members to join their  
organization this year, and these chosen individuals have demonstrated a gift for  
entrepreneurship in their professional endeavors, yet they have used this gift to enrich their  
respective communities as well; and

WHEREAS, Harry Smith exhibited an independent and entrepreneurial spirit at an early  
age when he started working a paper route as a nine-year-old boy; and

WHEREAS, he spent several years of his professional career in public accounting  
before he made a career transition to the Chairman and CEO of the Schilling Companies, Inc., a  
holding company for real estate and automotive divisions, which employs more than one  
thousand individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith also owns and manages the Schilling Farms, a 448-acre planned  
business development center in Collierville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during the past twenty years, Harry Smith has been involved in a myriad of businesses, including as automotive parts, industrial engines, heating and cooling distribution, western saddles, and automobile dealerships; he also has served on the Ford Motor Company Governmental Affairs Committee and the Ford Consumers Appeals Board, and he presently serves as Regional Vice President for the Tennessee Automotive Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was recognized in January 2003 as the Time-Life Quality Award Dealer for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Harry Smith is also a model public servant who generously shares his successes and talents with his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's extensive list of philanthropic activities includes service on more than twenty-five Boards and Managing Committees for renowned organizations like Baptist Health Systems, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Union University, the Regional Medical Center (the Med), and the Collierville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of the distinguished members of the Society of Entrepreneurs, and he will be officially inducted into the Society and recognized for his contributions to Tennessee on April 24, 2004, at the Society's annual awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Harry Smith for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Harry Smith for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him on his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.